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City of Half Moon Bay

Board of Directors
Granada Sanitary District

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Gentlemen:

As requested by the City of Half Moon Bay, the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency has reviewed the proposed Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Half Moon Bay and the Granada and Montara Sanitary Districts. Our review was made by engineering and legal staffs of the Agency.

It should be noted that these comments are based upon a cursory review necessitated by time constraints, but we believe they are fairly representative of a lengthier review and intend them to be of assistance to you in developing institutional arrangements for design, financing and construction of the facilities program which, under BASSA Resolution No. 75-41 transmitted to you on December 19, 1975, requires completion of those arrangements by February 1, 1976.

In addition to the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency review of the proposed agreement, Regional Water Quality Control Board staff and State Water Resources Control Board legal staff have evaluated the terms and conditions of the document. Copies of the comments of the Regional Water Quality Control Board are attached, for your consideration. The comments of the State Water Resources Control Board were received by my office over the telephone today, and are incorporated into this communication.

The State Water Resources Control Board, in its letter to Mr. Fred Mortenson of November 18, 1975, addressed the immediate necessity of adopting an effective joint powers agreement as follows:

"Actions Necessary to Receive a Step 2 Grant Offer"

Before a Step 2 grant offer can be processed (and before the agencies may begin design of grant eligible portions of the project) the following items are necessary.

1. A new or revised joint powers agreement which creates a mechanism for design and construction of consolidated facilities. This agreement must also give assurance that the agencies will work toward total consolidation as the ultimate solution to the Coastside's wastewater situation."

The State Water Resources Control Board legal staff finds the proposed joint powers agreement lacking in detail sufficient to meet grant process requirements, and suggests the addition of a statement in the proposed document that the parties

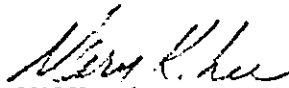
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intend to develop and adopt a project agreement as an addenda to the joint powers agreement creating the SAM agency which would meet grant process requirements cited in the State Board letter of November 18, 1975.

The comments of the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency are quite specific and relate directly to the proposed joint powers agreement dated January 20, 1976. Those comments are attached to this letter.

Questions regarding BASSA's review of the proposed document may be directed to either myself or Mr. Steve Morse, of my staff.

Sincerely yours,



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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments

CC : RWQCB - Bob Scholar.
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